

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:

This report pertains to an investigation of the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921.

SUBMITTED TO:

[CWGC Canadian Agency](#)
66 Slater Street
Suite 1707
Ottawa Ontario Canada K1A 0P4
Att: [Dominique Boulais](#)

Report Date: 24 March 2015

(error correct 28 Feb. 2016 replaces 32c with 36c)

Reason for Submission: ("X" means purpose of the report)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Confirmed Identity	X	Burial Location Identified	X
Most Probable Identity		Grave Stone Correction	X
Questionable Identity		Grave Records Correction	X
Incorrect Identity		Request for CWGC Details	
Other		Exhumation Notes	X

Supporting Documents: (# refers to attachment number; "I" information provided)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
McDonald, Donald Wallace	i	St. Mary's A.D.S. Cemetery	link
15 th Battalion (48 th Highlanders)	i	Haisnes, France	i
Lieutenant	i	Plot 14 Row C Grave 11	i
Date of Death 15/08/1917	link	Date of Burial / Exhumation	i
Officers Declaration Paper	link	Cemetery Schematic	link
Service Record		Graves Registration Report	11
Circumstance of Death	1	Concentration of Grave	12
CEF Canada Register	2	Trench Map Exhumation	13
War Diary Extract(s)	3	Service Record – Pte. Brant	14
Area Map(s)	4	Service Record – Pt. Cooke	15
Trench Map Extracts	5 a-c	Grave Stones: Brant, Cooke	16
Possible Candidates List	6	Burial References	17
Excluded Candidates List		Grave Stone: 48 th Officer	18
Regimental History Extract	7-10	Burial at Green Line	19
		Reporting & Review	20

Summary of Findings:

The Graves Registration Report form for Plot 14 Row C Grave 11 lists an Officer 48/Canadian Hdrs. (Highlanders). That regiment served in the Great War as the 15th Infantry Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

There are four (4) Lieutenants of the 15th Battalion on the Vimy Memorial, two (2) of which were at the Battle of Hill 70 in August of 1917. Lieutenant McDonald was the only officer of the 15th Battalion killed that day and buried at the location of the exhumation.

Details of Findings:

The findings are conclusive that the remains in Plot 14 Row C Grave 11 are those of Lieutenant Donald Wallace McDonald (*sometimes reported as MacDonald*).

The findings are based on the following:

1. The "Circumstance of Death" file reports that Lieutenant McDonald was previously reported wounded and missing, believed killed during the attack on the extreme left of Hill 70, Loos. It was believed at the time that his body may have been hit by a shell during the heavy artillery and counter attacks, rendering his body unrecognizable or buried (Attachment #1).
2. The remains of Lieutenant McDonald were not identified at that time and his name was subsequently listed on the Vimy Memorial (Attachment #2).
3. The War Diary extract for Thursday August 15, 1917 provides extensive detail on the actions of the 15th Battalion at the Battle of Hill 70, Loos. The stages of the attack are listed by date and time, documenting the movement of the battalion across the first objective (Blue Line) and second objective (Green Line) from 0425 to 1144 hours (Attachment #3).
4. The movement of the 15th Infantry Battalion is shown, as reported, to be east Hill 70 crossing through Bois Hugo, as depicted in Nicholson Map 8 (Attachment #4).
5. The original situation reports from Major J. P. Girvan, Officer Commanding No. 4 Company of the 15th Battalion provides specific detail on the locations of both the Blue Line (Attachment #5a) and the Green Line (Attachment # 5b) on the morning of August 15, 1917. Each report contains written notes and a marked up Trench Map (57D Sectors H25 and H26). Additionally, in another situation report also from Major J.P. Girvan, his position at the Blue Line is marked on the trench map and his notes clearly state "*No sign Graham, MacDonald.*" Indicating Lt. McDonald was missing at that point in the attack at the Blue Line (Attachment #5c).
6. Two (2) of the four (4) Lieutenants killed during the Great War that have unidentified grave sites, thus listed on the Vimy Memorial, were killed at the Battle of Hill 70 in August 1918. These are identified as Lieutenant Donald Wallace McDonald and Lieutenant James Archibald Wylie. Lieutenant Arthur Edward Muir was killed at Festubert in May 1915 and Lieutenant Bertram Howard Landels at Courcelette in September 1916 (Attachment #6). The only other missing Officer of the 15th Battalion missing in France, Major A. J. Ansley was also killed at Courcelette in October 1916 (Attachment #6).
7. Both Lt James Archibald Wylie and Lt Donald Wallace McDonald arrived at the 15th Battalion just prior to Hill 70 in July 1917. The former in No. 3 Company and the latter in No. 4 Company during the Battle of Hill 70. This is depicted in the documents showing the arrival of Lieutenant Wylie (Attachment #7).

8. The disposition of Lieutenants Wylie and McDonald at Hill 70 are recorded in the account of Hill 70 operations written by Lieutenant Colonel CE Bent Commanding Officer, 15th Battalion (Attachment #8).
9. Official confirmation of the status of Lieutenant Wylie following Hill 70 is reported in *15th Battalion Part II Daily Order No. 99, 4 September 1917*. The Regimental History reports that Lieutenant Wylie was killed 16 August 1917 at the Green Line which was the farthest extent of the Battalion's advance (Attachment #9). After having taken their objectives, the most desperate part of the operation now involved holding the Green Line with their greatly reduced numbers (including a noted shortage of stretcher bearers to remove the dead and wounded) in the face of a multiple German counterattacks. *"it was impossible to carry many dead to the rear. Most of the gallant dead were buried where they fell near the new front line."*
10. The Regimental History reports that Lieutenant McDonald was wounded at the Blue Line (advancing report line objective), placed in a shell hole but that the shell hole was subsequently "blasted" by artillery. Official confirmation of Lieutenant McDonald being reported MIA presumed KIA is recorded in *15th Battalion Part II Daily Order No. 107, 7 September 1917* (Attachment 10).
11. The "Graves Registration Report Form" (GRRF) accessed from the CWGC web site shows that the remains of an Officer of the 48th Canadian Highlanders (15th Infantry Battalion) was exhumed and placed in Plot 14 Row C Grave 11 at St. Mary's A.D.S. Cemetery in Haisnes, France (Attachment #11).
12. Additional details are provided in the "Concentration of Graves (Exhumations and Reburials), Burial Return" report (COG-BR). This document shows that the body exhumed was identified as an Officer of the 48th Highlanders by the "buttons" that were found. In addition, the location of the body at exhumation is given for Trench Map 36C as H25 b6.8 (Attachment #12). It is also important to note from this page the entry for grave 14.C.16, of the 15th Battalion reportedly exhumed from 36c H25 b8.9.
13. All of the evidence for this investigation comes together on the extract of the trench map for 36c, sectors H25 and H26. In the version we have depicted (Attachment #13). You will see that we have marked a number of important locations. From the top to bottom of the extract, these are identified as:
 - i. The point at 36c H25 b8.9 where the COG-BR states that the body of Private Brant of the 14th Battalion (*sic* should read 15th Bn.) was exhumed (red arrow).
 - ii. The stated site of the exhumation of the 15th Battalion Lieutenant at 36c H25 b6.8 (orange arrow).
 - iii. The real exhumation location of the 15th Battalion Lieutenant at 36c H25 d6.8 (red arrow).

- iv. The “Blue Line” or first objective on the morning of Thursday August 15, 1916 where Lieutenant McDonald of the 15th Battalion was mortally wounded and encapsulated in a shell crater (black arrow).
- v. The “Green Line” or second objective where Lieutenant Wylie of the 15th Battalion was killed in action on Friday August 16, 1916 (black arrow). It was reported that his body was not recovered and subsequent investigations did not locate his body.
- vi. The real location where Private Brant of the 15th Battalion was buried at 36c H25 d4.5, as reported in the battalion records of that day (Attachment #14). Also shown is the corresponding entry for Private Cooke at 36c H25 d45/41 (Attachment #15). Both Brant and Cooke are buried at St. Mary’s A.D.S. cemetery (Attachment # 16).

What the trench map information proves is that there was an error in the entry of the exhumation coordinates for the bodies that were exhumed and placed in St. Mary’s A.D.S. cemetery. This may have been a recording error in the field, as is common in many of the GRRF and COG-BR reports examined, or it may have been a typographical error at the time of entry. There were similar errors with Brant’s initials and serial number, all of which were later corrected. All the evidence confirms that the burial location reported was in error and any entry for the upper right square “b” must be read as the lower right square “d”. That places the body of Lieutenant McDonald exactly at the Blue Line at 36c H25 d6.8 which agrees with all the records.

14. Confirmation of the primary burial area being in sector H25-d and not H25-b is documented in a number of the service records of 15th Battalion men killed in the action at Hill 70. There are 23 direct references to sector H25-d and no references to H-25b. There are 22 that have no location noted or just a descriptive reference (Attachment #17). These recorded burial locations, at various points in H25-d made by the unit, closely follow the line of advance of the battalion from Bn HQ in Heath Trench, to Chalk Pit Wood, to Puit 14 and into Bois Hugo past first the Blue Line and then the Green Line. The men were burying dead basically where they fell during the advance and at locations where they stopped to secure objectives and hold objectives like the Blue Line and Green Line. Even for those dead who do not have burial locations with specific map references on their cards, there are frequent comments such as: *"in the enemy wire; at the Blue Line; at front line; in front of position; front line objective; No Man`s Land; 50 yards short of Blue Line"*. This leaves no doubt that the men were buried or lost in H25-d and on into H26-c and never in H25-b.
15. The headstone that currently sits at Plot 14 Row C Grave 11 states that the remains buried therein are “An Officer of the Great War, 15th Bn. Canadian Inf.” (Attachment #18). As all of the evidence clearly illustrates, Lieutenant Donald Wallace McDonald was killed in action on the morning of Thursday August 15, 1917 and encapsulated in one form or another in a shell crater at the Blue Line. That is the exact location where the remains of the “Unknown Lieutenant” of the 15th Battalion in Plot 14 Row C Grave 11 were exhumed. The body was clearly

identifiable by the button of the 48th Highlanders, 15th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

16. If anyone was to challenge the facts and suggest that it was the body of Lieutenant Wylie that was exhumed from that location they would be incorrect. Using the approach of the “*null hypothesis*” one would need to *disprove, reject or nullify* the findings that the body was that of Lieutenant McDonald. To accomplish that they would need to prove that it was then the body of Lieutenant Wylie. This can be disproved on the following basis:

- i. The body of Lieutenant Wylie was never found. This is a reasonable situation given the intense counter-attacks and artillery bombardment that was underway.
- ii. The battalion records depict a period of turmoil at the front lines (Green Line) on the morning of Thursday August 16, 1917 and a corresponding lack of men to recover bodies, with burials *in situ* at the Green Line. (Attachment #19)
- iii. There is no evidence in the battalion records that the body of Lieutenant Wylie was recovered from the Green Line, taken back to the Blue Line and buried. Had that occurred, it would have appeared in the daily reports.

Action Required:

The “Investigative Report” has been prepared in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out by the CWGC, should they wish to make any changes to the commemoration details (Attachment #20). The Primary Investigator, Brigadier-General (*ret*) Greg Young, has extensive knowledge of the history of the 48th Regiment and the 15th Infantry Battalion.

On the basis of all of the evidence gathered for this investigation, it is a clear and irrefutable conclusion that the remains in Plot 14 Row C Grave 11 at St. Mary’s A.D.S. Cemetery are those of Lieutenant Donald Wallace McDonald.

The headstone that sits at that grave should be changed to read “Lieutenant D. W. McDonald, 15th Bn. Canadian Inf. August 15 1917”.

For historical purposes, a note should be added to the COG-BR file indicating that there is an error in the entry of the exhumation locations and that the remains have been identified.

ATTACHMENT #1

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
	Lieutenant,	McDONALD,	Donald W.
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H.Q. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
15th Battalion.	On or since 15-8-17.	332-122-98.	Presbyterian.
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY			
<p>"Previously reported Wounded and Missing believed Killed, now for official purposes presumed to have Died."</p> <p>Information is available that he was severely wounded in the stomach during an attack on the extreme left of Hill 70, Loos. Owing to the nature of the engagement it was impossible to remove him immediately but a stretcher party was later organized and went out to search for him but no trace of him could be found. The shelling was extremely heavy and counter attacks going on, so it is possible he may have been hit by a shell and his body rendered unrecognizable or buried.</p>			
10. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
NOTE—Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
		Grave..... Plot..... Row.....	
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

M. E. W. 2643
12500-12-19
H. Q. 1772-30-1458
L. I. 7184-M, and D. 10002

MEB

ATTACHMENT #2

W2817-56 6000 11/17 HWV(R1917)

208334
Form E. 13.

Number _____ Rank Lieut. Name Mc.Donald. D. W. 20833

Unit 15th. Can. Batt. Next-of-Kin _____

File No. R.L. _____

332-12298

Date of Death	Cause and Place of Death	Cas. Sheet No.
15-8-17.	Previously Reported Wounded & Missing Believed Killed Now for Official Purposes Presumed to Have Died on or Since- 15-8-17.	984.

Date of Burial	Place of Burial	Description of Grave
X	<p>VIMY</p> <p>MEMORIAL</p>	

ATTACHMENT #3

15TH. BATTALION, 48TH. HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

14

B

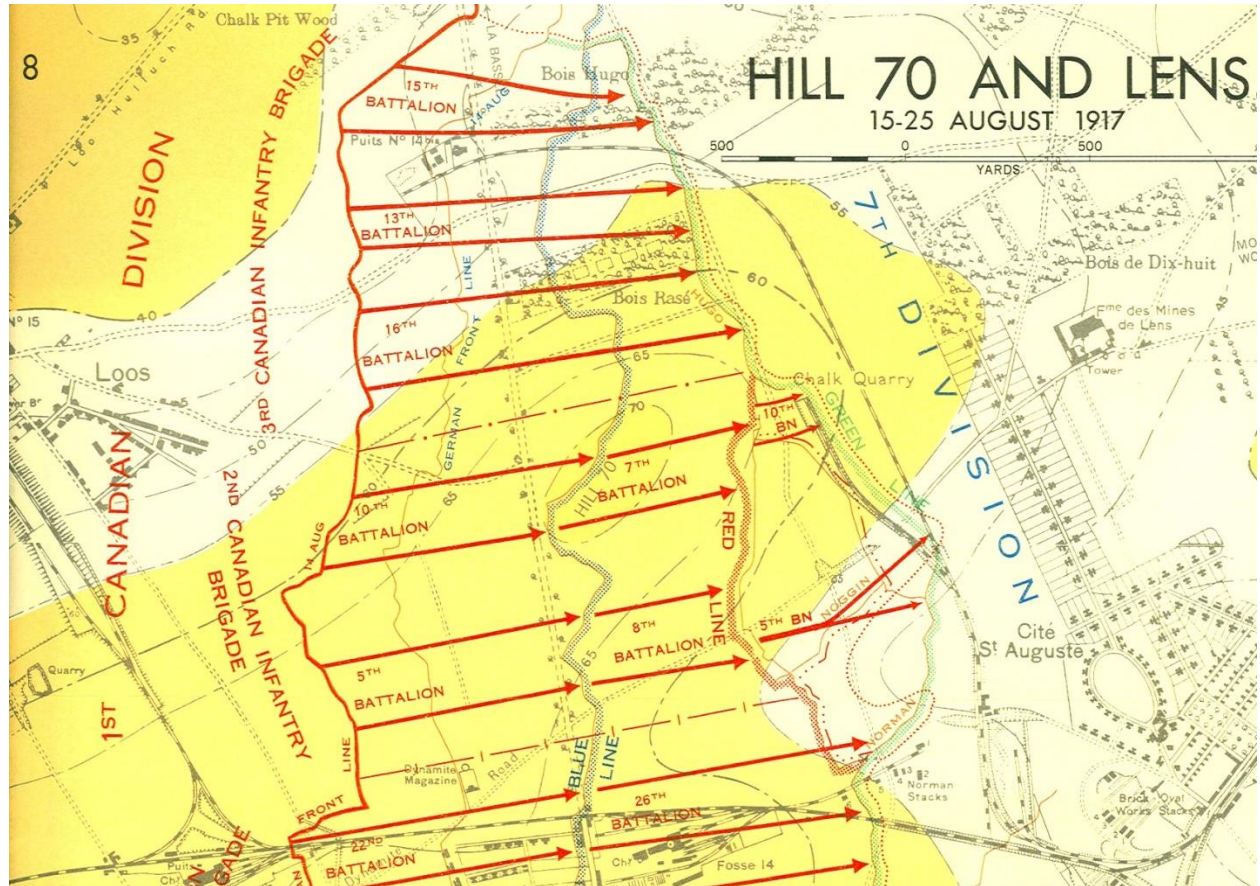
SUMMARY OF REPORTS ON THE

ATTACK AGAINST HILL 70 COMMENCING ZERO HOUR, AUGUST 15TH.

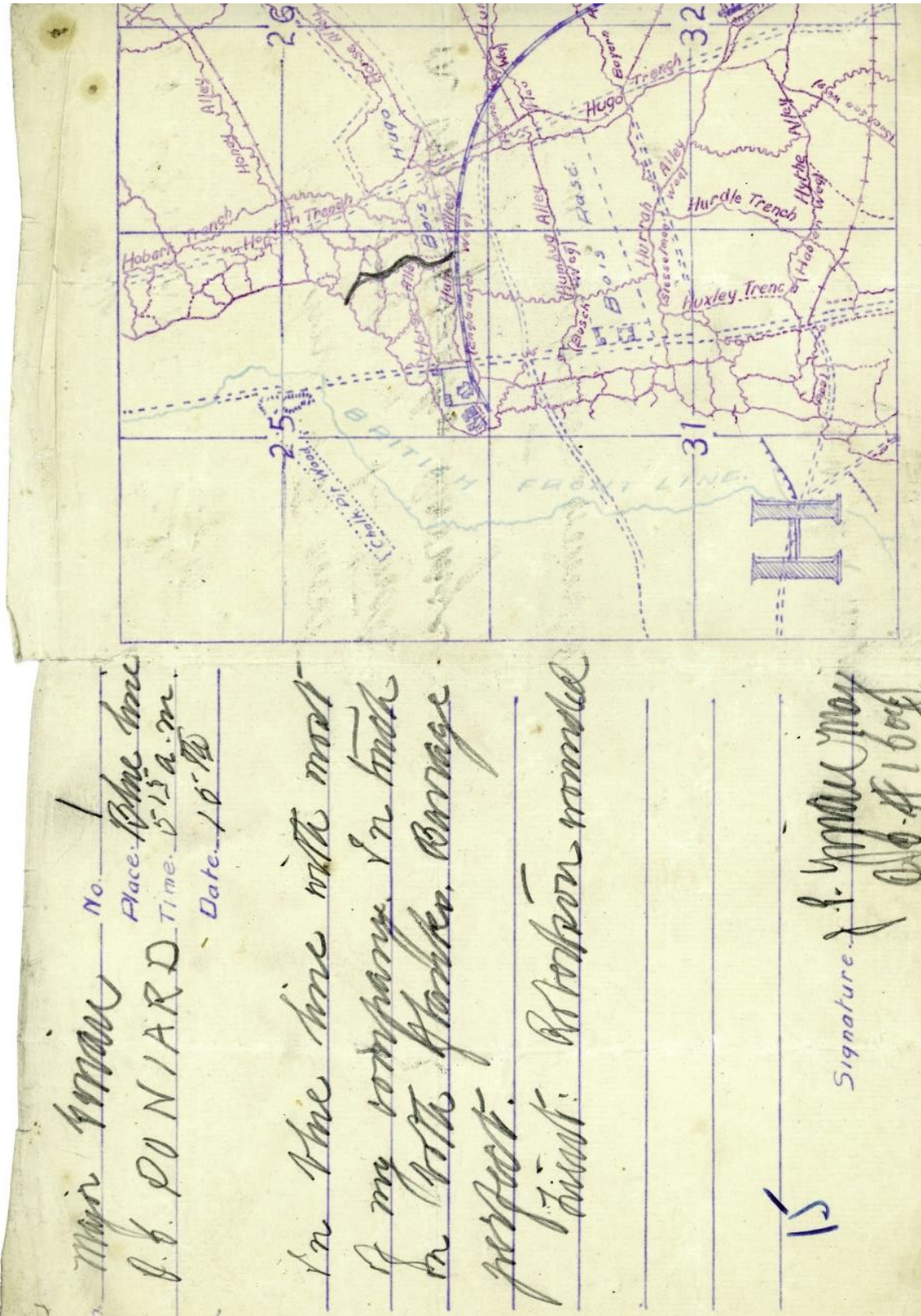
Aug 15th

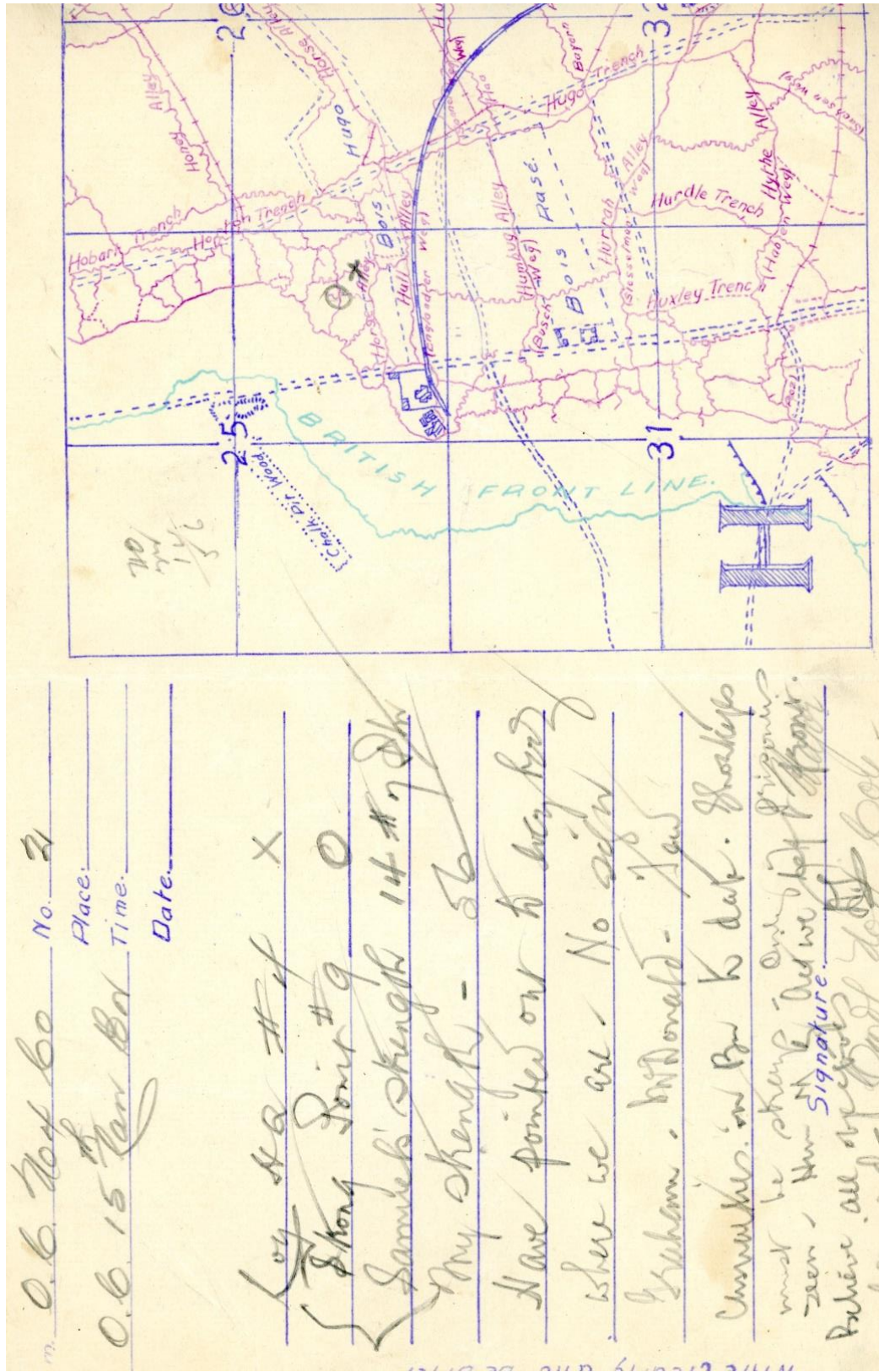
4.25	A.M.	Barrage Starts.
4.27	"	Everything seems to be going well. Our Barrage is perfect.
4.32	"	Enemy fire seems very weak, and is confined chiefly to our old Front Line Trenches.
4.40	"	Enemy fire on our Old Front Line is increasing slightly.
4.45	"	Enemy is not shelling our old Supports very heavily.
4.47	"	Enemy putting up a slight smoke barrage on our left, on signal of Amber Cluster being sent up.
5.00	"	Major Mavor back wounded, reports all going well and 1st. Objective reached.
5.10	"	Lieut. Winnifrith reports "Advanced Report Centre located at H.25.d.6.2. marked by Green Flag. 15th. and 13th. both reached First Objective. Casualties light, no opposition, Scouts sent out, have 'phone but line not through yet".
5.15	"	Observation still very poor. Enemy balloons observed. Major Girvan, O.C. No. 1 Coy., reports "In BLUE LINE with most of my Company. In touch with both flanks. Barrage perfect".
5.30	"	Our barrage and Artillery fire still continuing in fine style
5.38	"	Major Sheppard, O.C. No. 4 Coy., at BLUE LINE report all going well.
5.40	"	Lieut. Winnifrith, Adv. Report Centre reports "Whole attacking force got away from BLUE LINE in good style. Can see well to the south and everything looks fine. Our wirers have gone forward".
5.42	"	F.O.O. reports our Battalion Objective and men digging in.
5.51	"	Lieut. Taft reports that his platoon has reached its objective - No. 7 Strong Point.
6.15	"	Major Girvan, O.C. No. 1 Coy reports, "Am in final objective and consolidating. In touch on both flanks, but No. 3 Company is in bad shape. Will do what I can but you had better send someone to take charge if possible. I have enough men to hold on with."
6.30	"	Situation is satisfactory.
6.50	"	The B.M. wires "Captured Officer states that it is the intention to launch an immediate counter attack."
7.15	"	Enemy artillery fire shows a slight increase around 14 BIS and in front of Report Centre.
7.20	"	Situation reported almost normal by BORIS O. P.
8.15	"	Enemy increases shelling on old No. Man's Land, old front Line, CHALK PIT ALLEY and MEATH TRENCH.
8.30	"	Advance Report Centre reports "Everything working out well in the front line. Prospects are in favour of a counter attack. Shelling has increased on our front. Casualties are 10 Officers and approximately 150 O.R. Wiring has been done on the front line, from the left flank of the 13th to about 100 yards west of BOIS HUGO. Officer in charge of wiring party (Lieutenant Reeves) has been killed."
8.35	"	Major Girvan, O.C. No. 1 Company, reports his front line being heavily shelled, and enemy machine guns very active.
9.00	"	Enemy shelling of front line continues.
10.40	"	Heavy enemy reinforcements observed coming up road at H.27.d.75.35. and proceeding along road behind BOIS HUGO DIX HUIT in file.
11.04	"	Enemy still observed reinforcing and we are shelling them heavily.
11.20	"	Enemy's troops still observed passing.
11.36	"	German troops coming forward at a left incline, in two waves from PONT DE VENDIN towards the front line. Our artillery keeping up a good fire.
11.44	"	Advancing enemy troops extend from left of WINGLES to right of PONT DE VENDIN. Our artillery still doing good work.

ATTACHMENT #4









ATTACHMENT #5 (a)





ATTACHMENT #6

Name	Rank	Service Number	Date of Death	Age	Regiment / Service	Service Country	Grave / Memorial Reference	Cemetery / Memorial Name	Docs.
WALLACE, ROBERT EUGENE	Major		09/04/1917	24	Canadian Infantry	Canadian	Arras Road Cem. Mem. 1.	NINE ELMS MILITARY CEMETERY, THELUS	
ANSLEY, ALFRED JAMES	Major		14/10/1918		Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
Name	Rank	Service Number	Date of Death	Age	Regiment / Service	Service Country	Grave / Memorial Reference	Cemetery / Memorial Name	Docs.
MUIR, ARTHUR EDWARD	Lieutenant		21/05/1915	28	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
LANDELS, BERTRAM HOWARD	Lieutenant		28/08/1918	35	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
McDONALD, DONALD WALLACE	Lieutenant		15/08/1917	29	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
WYLIE, JAMES ARCHIBALD	Lieutenant		18/08/1917	23	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	

ATTACHMENT #7

Page 237 Regimental History of the 48th Highlanders of Canada stating arrival of Lt Wylie

old company. Capt. A. Turnbull went to the First Army School. Capt. H. Price now took command of No. 2 Company with Capt. D. M. Grant as second, and Lt. T. M. Cowan and Lt. J. A. Wylie, new officers, were posted to Nos. 3 and 4 Companies respectively. This spell of working parties cost 7 men wounded and Ptes. A. E. Robertson and G. Jordan killed.

Battalion Part II Daily Orders No.74 dated 27-6-1917 reporting arrival of Lt Wylie

commenced with the first issue in each year.

Unit 15th Canadian Battalion.

DAILY ORDERS. PART II.

N.B.—The Sub. No. of Order and Subject are to be shown in Columns 1 and 2 thus:—Courts-Martial. Station In the Field. No. 74. Date 27-6-17.

Regimental No., Rank, and Name.	Sqdn., Batty., or Co.	Particulars of Casualties, etc., and Date.
OFFICERS.		
Lt-Col. Bent C.E. D.S.O.		Assumed command of 3rd. Canadian Infantry Brigade during absence of Brig-Gen G.S. Tuxford C.B. C.M.G. (On Leave) from 13-6-17. (Auth. 3rd. Can. Inf. Bde. A.F. B.213 dated 16-6-17.)
Lieut. K.B. McLaren	} <i>Officers</i>	Having arrived from England as reinforcements are taken on strength of 15th Canadian Battalion accordingly. 24-6-17. (Auth. W.O. Letter 121/Dfts./6660 (A.G. 4 a) dated 16-6-17.) Can. Sect. 3rd. Echelon. File K.R. 13380. Can. Base Depot Nom. Roll dated 24-6-17.)
Lieut. T.M. Cowan		
Lieut. J.A. Wylie		
Capt. J.S. Laycock (Killed in Action)		Reference Part II Orders No 70 dated 14-6-17 (S.O. "Officers") the correct date of death of the marginally noted Officer should read <u>10-6-17</u> (Auth. O.C. 15th Canadian Battalion letter dated 12-6-17. Can. Sect. 3rd. Echelon. File K.I. 10461. and 15th Can. Battalion A.F. B.213 dated 16-6-17.)

As Enl Bde 29/6

Kas. P. Maxwell,
Lieut.
for Lt-Col. A.A.G.
Can. Sect. 3rd. Echelon.

ATTACHMENT #8

Extract from a account of Hill 70 written by LtCol CE Bent 15th Battalion indicating disposition of Lts McDonald (No. 4 Company) and Lt Wylie (No. 3 Company) at Hill 70.

The Battalion went into the Line Officered as follows:		
Headquarters -	Lieut.-Col. C.E.Bent	O. C.
	Capt. H.Price	Acting 2nd in Command
	Lieut. Haldane	Acting Adjutant
	Lieut. Winnifrith	Intelligent Officer
No.1 Company	Major Givin	O. C.
	Lieut. Chisholm	
	Lieut. Robertson	
	Lieut. Donald	
No.2 Company	Lieut. Samuels	O. C.
	Lieut. Reeves	
	Lieut. Andrews	
	Lieut. Graham	
No.3 Company	Major Mavor	O. C.
	Lieut. McGee	
	Lieut. Wylie	
	Lieut. Cowan	
No.4 Company	Major Sheppard	O. C.
	Lieut. Chisholm	
	Lieut. McDonald	
	Lieut. Tait.	

ATTACHMENT #9

Extract from page 248 Regimental History of the 48th Highlanders of Canada describing death of Lt Wylie at the Green Line.

Meanwhile No. 3 Company were sprawling and floundering forward, ripping themselves loose from snarls of wire, bombing dugouts and unbroken bays, rushing the redoubts and pressing resolutely on to the Green Objective. But it was tough going. There was continuous rifle and a seething hail of Maxim-fire from the flank. The company dwindled. Its commander had stopped a bullet at the German front-line. Lt. J. A. Wylie had been killed there. Then Lt. McGee went down wounded. Soon their line was only isolated and all but leaderless squads, fighting grimly in the fitful half-light of morning. Lt. Thomas Cowan, in action for the first time, was the only officer left.

Battalion Part II Daily Orders 99 dated 21-8-1917 reporting Lt Wylie KIA

Unit 15th Can. Battalion.		
DAILY ORDERS. PART II.		No.
N.B.—The Sub. No. of Order and Subject are to be shown in Columns 1 and 2 thus:—1—Courte-Martial.		Station. <u>In the Field.</u> Date. <u>99</u> <u>21-8-17.</u>
Regimental No., Rank, and Name.	Sqdn., Batty., or Co.	Particulars of Casualties, etc., and Date.
OFFICERS.		
STRUCK		
8. STRENGTH OFF STRENGTH AND ESTABLISHMENT.		
Lieut. S.J. Reeves M.C.		Killed in Action. 16-8-17. 1578
Lieut. J.A. Wylie ✓		do. do. 1578 (Auth. 1st. Army Cas. List No. 1080 dated 17-8-17.)
Lieut. E.M. Haldane ✓		DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION. 18-8-17. (Auth. O.C. No. 2 Can. Field Amb. Tgm dated 18-8-17. Can. Sect. 3rd. Ech. No. T18300)
9. CANCELLATIONS.		
Lieut. J.H. Chipman ✓		Part 11 Orders No 90 dated 31-7-17 (S.O. "Officer reporting this Officer as relinquishing the Acting Rank of Capt. on 27-4-17 is hereby cancelled. (See also below) (Auth. List of Appts Comms. & Rewards No 147 dated 4-8-17.)
10. RELINQUISHMENTS AND REVERSIONS.		
Lieut. (A/Capt) J.H. Chipman ✓		Relinquishes the Acting Rank of Captain 10-3-17. (Auth. List of Appts Comms & Rewards No 147 dated 4-8-17.)
11. APPOINTMENTS & SECONDINGS.		
Lieut. E.W. Haldenby ✓		To be Acting Captain vice A/Capt. J.H. Chipman (See above) 10-3-17. (Auth. List of Appts. Comms & Rewards No 147 dated 4-8-17.)
<i>Chas. B. Stannell</i> Lieut. for Lt-Col. A.A.G. Canadian Section, 3rd. Echelon. G.H.Q.		

ATTACHMENT #10

Extract from page 255 Regimental History of the 48th Highlanders of Canada describing wounding of Lt McDonald at the Blue Line.

advance, as did Sgt. Duncan and 27 Sgt. J. W. Taylor, all of No. 1 Company. Lt. D. W. MacDonald, a new officer of No. 4 Company, was killed. He was seriously wounded at the Blue Line and placed in a shell-hole which was later blasted into a large crater. Lt. Wendell Graham, No. 2 Company, was wounded, as was Lt. Gordon Chisholm of No. 4 Company, and Lt. J. Robertson of No. 1 Company.


Battalion Part II Daily Orders 107 7-8-1917 reporting Lt McDonald MIA presumed KIA

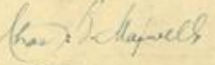
Each issue of Orders will be numbered consecutively throughout the year. A fresh series will be commenced with the first issue in each year.

Unit 15th Canadian Battalion.
DAILY ORDERS. PART II.

N.B.—The Sub. No. of Order and Subject are to be shown in Column 1 and 2 thus:—1—Court-Martial. Station: In the Field. No. 107. Date: 7-9-17.

Regimental No., Rank, and Name.	Subj., Batt., or Co.	Particulars of Casualties, etc., and Date.
OFFICERS.		
10. ATTACHMENTS.		
Lt-Col. C.R. Bent	D.S.O.	Assumed command of 3rd. Canadian Infantry Bde. during absence of Brig-Gen. G.S. Tuxford C.B.M.G. (To command 1st. Can. Division) 24-8-17. (Auth. 3rd. Can. Infantry Bde. A.F. B.213 dated 25-8-17.)
11. HONOURS AND AWARDS.		
Capt. A. Fraser (To England 21-4-17.)		
Lieut. (A/Capt) R.A. Brown		
Lieut. (A/Capt) H.O'Leary (Seconded 3rd. Can. Trench Mortar Battery)		Awarded the Military Cross for Conspicuous Gallantry and Devotion to duty. (Auth. London Gazette No 30204 dated 26-7-17.)
Lieut. J. Kay		
Lieut. D.A. Macintosh (Seconded to 15th Can. Machine Gun Co.)		
12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.		
Lieut. W.T. Ulens		Granted 10 days Leave to U.K. from 29-8-17.
Lieut. K.B. MacLaren		Granted Leave to England from 1-9-17 to 12-9-17. (Auth. O.C. 15th Can. Battalion A.F. B.213 dated 1-9-17.)
13. STRUCK OFF STRENGTH AND ESTABLISHMENT.		
Lieut. D.W. McDonald		WOUNDED AND MISSING. (Believed Killed) 15-8-17. (Auth. O.C. 15th Can. Battalion A.F. B.213 dated 1-9-17.)
Lieut. J.M. Fergie (To England 5-5-17.)		Having been detached from 15th Can. Battalion for a period of more than four months is now reported as POSTED to 1st. Central Ontario Regtl. Depot Shorncliffe 5-6-17. (Auth. Hdqrs. Canadians Routine Order No 1962 dated 11-7-17.)




 Lieut.
for Lt-Col. A.A.G.
Canadian Section,
3rd. Echelon. G.H.Q.

ATTACHMENT #11

M.M. ^{HE} COMPREHENSIVE REPORT. 2-11-20.
Army Form W. 3372.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

No. 1. District. REPORT No. 18 SCHEDULE No. 108c.

HAINES

PLACE OF BURIAL ST. MARYS A.D.S. BRITISH CEMETERY.

Map Reference 44a.G.17.b.5.8.

The following are buried here:— PLOT 14. ROW "C".

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
	UNKNOWN	BRITISH	SOLDIER.			8. ✓
	"	"	"			9. ✓
	"	"	"			10. ✓
48/Canadian Hdrs. ✓	"	"	OFFICER.			11. ✓
	"	"	SOLDIER.			12. ✓
	"	"	"			13. ✓
	"	"	"			14. ✓
	"	"	"			15. ✓
14/Canadian Bn. ✓	204355	BRANT.	PTE. G.A.	22-8-17		16. ✓
	UNKNOWN	BRITISH	SOLDIER.			17. ✓
	"	"	"			18. ✓
	"	"	"			19. ✓
	"	"	"			20. ✓
ROW "D".						
	UNKNOWN	BRITISH	SOLDIER.			1. ✓
8/Lincoln Regt.	21051	UNKNOWN	BRITISH SGT.	26.9.15	Ru/39345	2. ✓

(6 31 5) W3160—P2723 100,000 9/19 HWV P1024 Forms/W3372/3

SLIPS CHECKED 15 3
21.4.21

27

HULLUCH 18/138B-139E

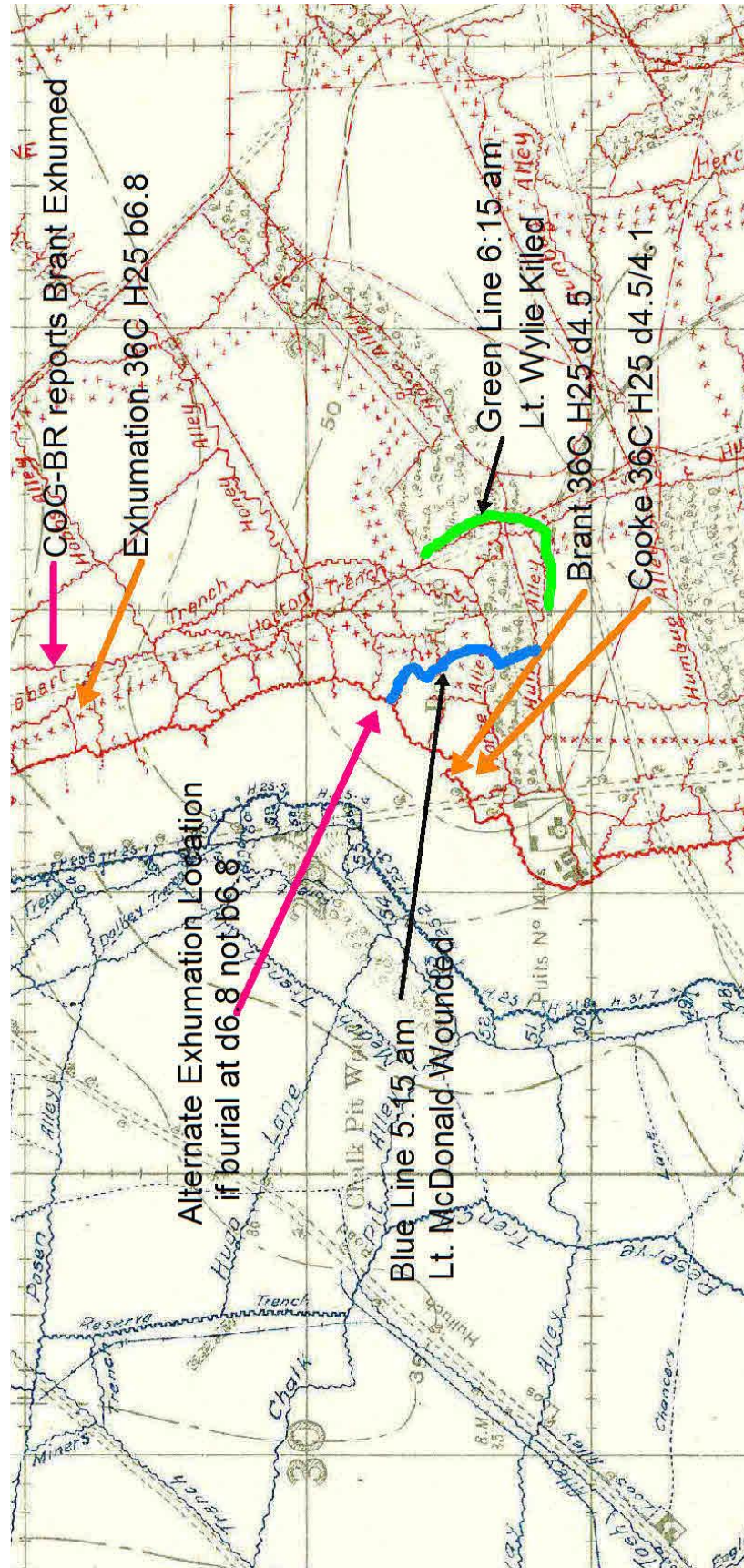
CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Re-burials).

BURIAL RETURN.

8.11.19.

Name of Cemetery of Re-burial ST. MARYS (BRITISH) CEMETERY. Map Ref. G.17.B.8.9.

Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found.	Was Cross on Grave?	Regimental particulars.	Means of Identification.	Were any effects forwarded to Base?
14	B	19	H.25.B.4.8.	Yes	9988 Pte. H. North. 52nd Light Inf. K.I.A. 6.6.15.		
		20	"	No	U.B.S.		
14	C	1	"	"	U.B.S.		
		2	"	"	U.B.S.		
		3	"	"	U.B.S.		
		4	"	"	U.B.S.		
		5	H.25.B.5.8.	"	West Yorks.	Numerals Found	
		6	"	"	U.B.S.		
		7	"	"	U.B.S.		
		8	"	"	U.B.S.		
		9	"	"	U.B.S.		
		10	H.25.B.6.8.	"	U.B. OFFICER 48/Can. Highlanders. Button found		
		11	"	"	U.B.S.		
		12	"	"	U.B.S.		
		13	"	"	U.B.S.		
		14	"	"	U.B.S.		
		15	H.25.B.8.9.	Yes	204355 Pte. BRANT. G.A. 14. Canadian Bn. Buried 22.8.17. G.R.U.		
		16	"	"	U.B.S.		
		17	"	No	U.B.S.		
		18	"	"	U.B.S.		
		19	"	"	U.B.S.		
		20	"	"	U.B.S.		
						R.K. Dibb. Capt. O.C. 18th Labour Coy.	



ATTACHMENT #14

15th Battalion Record of Services card for Pte. Brant

Reg. No. *204555* Name *Brant Chas. Arthur* Enlist. Age *38*

Rank *Pte* Company *2* Religion *Pkes*
TRANS. TO MED. UNIT. 31/5/17

Date of Attestation *24-3-16* Date of Joining 15th Can. Battn. *10-4-17*
B.P. 2 ord. 39/16/17

Height *5' 7"* Eyes *Dark* Complexion *Dark* Original Unit *96*

Decorations *(1) Victoria Medal* Occupation *Farmer*

Next of Kin *Joseph A. Brant* Address *Deseronto, P.O. Ont.*

RECORD OF SERVICES.

Killed	Wounded	Died of W.	Missing	Prisoner	Hospital	Rejoined	Struck off
<i>15.8.17</i>			<i>(15.8.17)</i>				<i>15.8.17</i>

Joined from 1st Can. Battn. 18-4-17

CORRESPONDENCE,

Prev. rep. missing now up etc.
C 2 B. 3. R. 1899/3.8.17) B.P. 2 Or. 107/7.9.17 H.254.4.5
Buried by D.W. Burial Officer. Street L.O.O.S. 36 C.N.W. 3. L.O. #254451
Grave. CA. B 74. Buried 22.8.17-

ATTACHMENT #15

15th Battalion Record of Services cards for Pte. Cooke

Reg. No. 678106 Name Cooke William Lovering Enlistt. Age 18
pl Wilfred

Rank { Company 1 Religion C of E

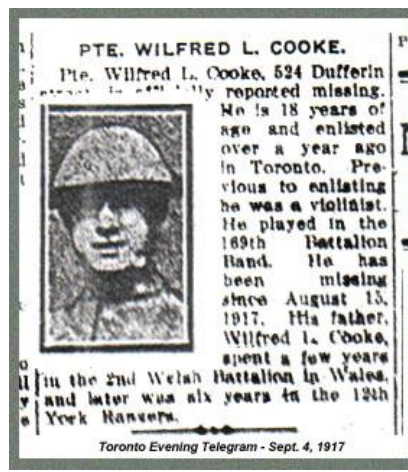
Date of Attestation 25-1-16 Date of Joining 15th Can. Battn. 26-4-17
 Height 5'8" Eyes Brown Complexion red Original Unit 169
 Decorations Occupation Painter
 Next of Kin M/ Sarah Cooke Address 524 Dufferin St. Toronto

RECORD OF SERVICES.

Killed	Wounded	Died of W.	Missing	Prisoner	Hospital	Rejoined	Struck off
			<u>15. 8. 17</u>				<u>15. 8. 17</u>

CORRESPONDENCE,

Reported for Duty from C.B. 19-17
Effects to D.A.G. Base 21. 8. 17
Prev. rep. missing. Now struck off strength 15. 8. 17 as "Missing after Action"
BP 20. 11/19. 9. 17
Prev. rep. missing since action 15. 8. 17 & h. off. Corrected to read "Killed in Action"
15. 8. 17 (A.L.R. BP 20. 3/2. 1. 18)
unconfirmed information is available that the body of Pte. Cooke was recovered and
buried at a point. LOOS SHEET. 36c H. 25. d. 45. 41. (Ref Record Office letter
A.L. 25-C-3604 / 26. 3. 18)
R.F. 26318.



ATTACHMENT #16



ATTACHMENT #17

Record of Services cards with burial map references

Pte Brant CA.	204555	H25.d.4.5 Remains recovered
Pte Cooke WL.	678106	H25.d.4.5.4.1 Remains recovered
Cpl Bunch B.	27706	H25.d.9.5
Pte Cameron CC.	192190	H25.d.9.5
Pte Dolby W.	400867	H25.d.9.5
Pte Raymond EG	436879	H25.d.9.5
Pte Davies J	204689	H25.d.9.5
Pte Taylor SW	681648	H25.d.9.5
Pte Chappell WJ.	192861	H25.d.8.4 Annotated "at front line."
Pte Hogarth A.	522746	H 25.d.8.4
Pte Lomas HF	228050	H25.d.9.5
Sgt McDonald L	438909	H25.d.9.5 Annotated "Blue Line"
Pte McIntosh NJ	204554	H25.d.9.5
Pte O'Neill PJ	437907	H25.d.9.5
Pte Tyler GE.	799350	H25. d.9.5
Pte Thompson GA.	487451	H25.d.7.7
Pte Perrett HA.	204267	H25.d.7.7
Pte Thompson R.	127268	H25d
Pte Craig C.	254	H25.d.20.30 Annotated "buried in front of our position."
Pte Dunbar J.	193551	H25.d Annotated "in enemy wire"
Pte Fisher CD.	22735	H25.d
Pte Kemp MJ.	204751	H25.d
Pte Crowe AA	192200	H25.d.75.88 "near Bois Hugo"

Record of services cards without burial map references or only annotations

Pte Boag W.	800205	nil
Pte Dougall HW.	63294	nil
Pte Duffey CH.	23126	"front line objective – Green Line."
Pte Grant TP.	799303	nil
Pte Harding TG	678064	"Chalk Alley"
Pte Hartley WH.	603012	nil
Pte Hollingsworth W.	193077	"50 yards short Blue Line."
Pte Houghton RC.	800176	nil
LCpl Lincoln J.	47881	"no man's land."
Pte Marshall AG.	204123	"no man's land."
Pte McMillan A	27931	nil
Pte Ostlund A.	888337	nil
Pte Palmer CP.	408512	nil
Pte Parker FN	799632	nil
Pte Sharman J.	887393	nil
Pte Steen R.	888343	nil
Pte Telfer J.	887401	nil
Sgt Tosh HI.	204221	nil
Pte Walker W.	27270	nil
Cpl Walton RD	193405	nil

Regimental History reports location

Wylie JA	Lieutenant	"Green Line" One of these officer's remains recovered
McDonald DW	Lieutenant	"Blue Line" One of these officer's remains recovered

ATTACHMENT #18



ATTACHMENT #19

Extracts from pages 258-259 describing burial of No. 3 Company casualties at the Green line.

fighting, if it had to be. Men of broken but unbeaten No. 3 Company carried Lt. Haldane's body back to Battalion H.Q. Because of the continued pounding being given our old front-line

and the old No Man's Land by his heavies, it was impossible to carry many dead to the rear. Most of the gallant dead were buried where they fell, near the new front-line.*

ATTACHMENT #20

This “*Reporting and Review*” attachment is provided to assist all parties in the submission of an investigative report related to the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) receives a copy of this report in the event they wish to make changes to the commemoration details. In order to alter the records, the CWGC has set out their criteria for the procedure and submission of cases for review, as detailed below. The CWGC is under no obligation to make changes based on a report.

Procedure:	Guideline Criteria for Submission:
All new identification cases need to be assessed in the first instance by the Canadian Agency (CA) and submissions should go to their office directly. After an initial assessment, if the Agency feels that the case is compelling, they will then pass all the documentation to the Commemorations Team at the Commission's Head Office. Head Office will then review the case and inform the CA of their findings. The Canadian authorities will then decide whether or not any changes to the arrangements for commemoration are required and inform the Commission accordingly.	Cases need to present clear and convincing evidence to prove the identity of a casualty and must not be based on assumption or speculation. The Commission's Commemoration Team will also consider whether the findings of a better informed contemporary investigation are being revisited and if there is any new evidence to consider. By way of example, it is unlikely that the Commission would support a revision of the arrangements for the commemoration where it is apparent that no new evidence is being presented and, a better informed previous decision is being revisited some 100 years later.

The following have participated in the preparation, review and submission of this report on a voluntary basis. Those noted below have read the investigative report and compared it to the criteria set out by the CWGC, as a guiding principle, and have agreed to have their name included as part of the review team. The CWGC may contact any of the reviewers at the e-mail address provided below.

Name	Affiliation	E-mail	Contribution
Greg Young	Brigadier-General (ret) Chairman, 15th Battalion CEF Memorial Project	15thbncef@gmail.com	Primary Investigator & Report Author
Richard Laughton	Private Researcher LMC Great War Research Company	rlaughton@laughton.ca	Researcher & Report Author